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THE WHISKERED ONES—The photographer gathered together 37 of 75 men working in the road plans section who sported beards and mustaches in honor of the 100-year celebration of Montana Territory and the Helena Centennial. They are, first row, Bob Scow, Buck Harris, Dan Pouliot, Dave Morgan, Ed Burris, Rand Sangray, and Bing Gleason; second row, Ken Noble, Ray Bouchey, Milt Rudio, Dave Kneedler, Red O'Leary, Bob Bovee, and Ray Bright; third row, Jim Sahinen, Bob Lightbody, Jim Parks, Frank Easbey, George Tatchell, Mel Wickman, Ray Williams, Bud Griffin, and Earl Satchell; fourth row, Rip Van Winkle, Les Sodja, Jim Tompkins, Mark Hopkins, George Snyder, Blackie Nelson, Jay Duba, and Bill Schweyen; fifth row, Jack Benson, Gordan Hinch, Bill Morley, Pat Trottier, Bill Bernasek, and Leroy Stewart. (Photo courtesy Buck Harris.)

Letters....

Mr. Kermit Anderson
Information Unit

Dear Kermit:

In the May-June issue of Centerline, I was interested in the story dealing with the spelling of Chouteau County and the town of Choteau. You mention the memo sent to all state agencies by Mr. Doyle B. Saxby, in which he quotes a historian, explaining the

reasons for the two spellings, but the historian quoted by Mr. Saxby is not entirely correct, and your readers may be interested in a little further explanation.

It is true that when the Montana Territory was organized in 1864, the county of Choteau was created. (This was the same spelling used by the Territory of Idaho the year before when the Territory created the county. Incidentally, when the name of Choteau County was proposed in our first legislative session, an amendment was introduced and had that amendment been approved, that county would have become Lewis and Clark.)

It is also true that the spelling of the county was changed to Chouteau by our 1903 Legislative Assembly. (It was not until the 1905 session that the original name of our Lewis and Clarke was changed to delete the final "e".) Now the town of Choteau also started with that spelling, but the statement of the historian quoted the "Unfortunately, the official spelling of the town of Choteau was never corrected" is not true.

The spelling of the County was changed to Chouteau early in 1903. Later in the same year, the spelling of the town name was also changed to Chouteau, and it remained so until 1913 when it was officially changed back to the original Choteau. Obviously, there were two factions at work in the town with regard to spelling, and some of your readers in that area who are familiar with local history could furnish you with a good story.

Also, your historically-minded employees in the Flathead area could tell you about what the county seat went through on the spelling deal. First, Kalispel, then Kalispell, then back to the single "l" and finally to the double.

Sincerely,

(signed) Bill Ashton
Helena, Montana

1974 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award

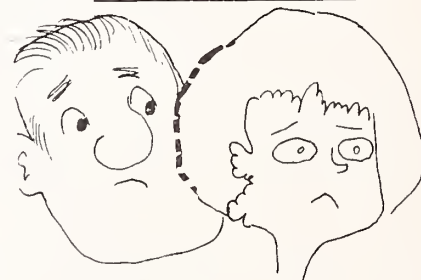
George Vucanovich has been nominated as the recipient of the Montana Automobile Dealers Association 1974 Time Quality Dealer Award.

Vucanovich, chairman of the Montana Highway Commission, is the owner of Anderson Motors in Helena. His first experience in the automotive business was in 1932, and he received his first franchise in 1945. He has served on several zone, regional, and national dealer councils over the years.

Vucanovich is a past president of the Helena Auto Dealers Association, was an MADA director from 1968-1971, and has been serving on the Montana Highway Commission since being appointed by the Governor in 1971.

He was born in Butte, attended grade and high school there, and went to college at the University of Montana in Missoula. His main hobby is golf.

The board of directors of the MADA complimented him on many years of active participation in the automotive business, government work, and civic activities, and offered him "congratulations and sincere good fortune" in the national competition for Quality Dealer of the Year.



(Ed. note: William E. Ashton worked for the Department of Highways for 37 years, retiring in March, 1965 as assistant materials engineer. He was the first editor of "Centerline" published in January, 1938, and is noted for his interest in the history of old names and places in Montana. An amateur historian, he has spent many years collecting old maps, and in pursuing historical clues in the Montana Historical Society library.)

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News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.

He's always on the run

By GORDON WARREN
Independent Record Sunday Editor

What moves a 36-year-old man to run up to 14 miles per day? That's a question Joel Sims often asks himself during those long, lonely hours when he's pounding his way along tracks and roadways, one foot after the other reaching out to bite the earth and thrust it behind him.

The question that Sims' friends and acquaintances ask is how does he do it?

Sims, slight (five-foot six, 135 pounds) muscular, balding and bearded is a personnel officer with the Montana Department of highways during the daytime. Evenings, mornings and weekends he's a long-distance runner—one of a growing

number in the area and the state. Long-distance running, like jogging, has become an increasingly popular sport with a growing number of marathons, mini-marathons and road races scheduled throughout the state. Sims is one of the top runners in his age group and something of a wonder to his friends and fellow runners in Helena.

"It's fantastic that he's come so far so fast, especially considering his age and stature," says fellow runner Bill Schneider, 27. (Most good long-distance runners are taller with long legs and long strides)

Sims, who backpacks and is on the Belmont Ski Patrol, started jogging about 10 years ago to stay in shape, but he started running hard only a year ago. So far he's captured first place in his age group in most of the races he's run, and he's been coming in second overall, hard on the heels of runners half his age such as Bill Lannan, recent Helena High School graduate who will run more than a thousand miles this summer.

In his age group, Sims has won the York to Canyon Ferry mini-marathon, the Helena Road Race, the YMCA mini-marathon, the All Commers track meet in Great Falls and others. He finished second in the Red Lodge 8-mile run and ran for 13 miles in the 26-mile Bozeman Governor's Cup marathon before blisters forced him to drop out.

Sims doesn't run 14 miles every day. Sometimes it's six or eight or 10 depending on weather and other factors such as how his knee or ankle or feet are feeling.

"It's always something," he said, explaining that he's been having problems with blisters lately. But he thinks he has that problem licked. He's found a solution that toughens the skin of his feet to the required degree.

Sims doesn't have a strict diet although he does stay away from junk foods and limits beer consumption. He also takes some vitamins and minerals, but says that neither he nor his doctor are sure they are needed. "The doctor says whatever works for me is ok," Sims says.

"And they don't seem to hurt me any."

Why does he do it?

"I honest-to-God don't know why I keep running," Sims says. "I guess it's the challenge."

Unlike jogging, Sims finds his running regimen plain hard work—he's pushing himself to do every mile. But hard work or not, he's being joined by more and more serious runners.

"There has been a tremendous increase in the number of people running and jogging both," says Bill Gilbert, cross country and head track coach at Helena High. "In the past five years I'd guess there has been a 300 per cent increase in the number of people jogging and running."

(Photo by Gordon
Warren)



Joel Sims in full stride

Direct Radio Communications With Yellowstone Officials Being Tested

William Woolston, chief-field maintenance bureau, Billings and Herb Noenning, radio engineer, confirm that tests are being conducted with Yellowstone Park officials for better road report service on the Beartooth Pass, Red Lodge-Cooke City Highway. Woolston said this direct communication is necessary to protect the traveling public during the fall season when snow and ice conditions force closing of the highway. The new service will provide 24 hour contact with personnel from both departments and hopefully will prevent trapping a traveler during a storm.

In the past, communications after working hours has been a problem. Contact had been made by long distance phone calls which often caused a delay in closing the opposite end of the highway and a few travelers have been held up overnight or forced to backtrack many miles to reach their destination after finding the road impassable near the top.

Expo Honors Montana Day

An estimated 10,500 visitors toured Montana's Expo '74 exhibit June 22 and among them were the more than 1,000 Montanans who gave the International Amphitheater a rousing Western flavor at ceremonies celebrating the Big Sky state's Honor Day.

Then, 710 Montanans attended the Montana banquet Friday night, June 21, at Spokane's Ridpath Motor Inn. At a poolside social hour preceding the prime rib dinner, Debbie Reber, Miss Montana 1973, sang for the gathering. During the banquet, Kitty Quigley, official hostess for the Calgary Stampede, entertained visiting dignitaries and guests. A personality entertainer

and talent dynamo, Miss Quigley invited Montana Governor Tom Judge, former Governor Forrest Anderson, Washington Governor Daniel J. Evans and Expo '74 president King Cole on stage for an impromptu dance based on the one-time hit song, "Ballin' the Jack." Anderson was master of ceremonies for the banquet affair.

Saturday's Montana Day festivities included traditional dances by Blackfoot Indians from the Browning reservation and top-notch performances by the Missoula grade school all-city band. A selection titled "Tomorrow is Today," written especially for the occasion by Don Gillis, composer-in-residence at the

University of South Carolina, was a highlight of the Montana celebration. Performed by 95 sixth, seventh and eighth grade youngsters, the music provided a moving accompaniment to an environmental story written for the music. Governor Judge narrated the story over the youngsters' low-keyed musical arrangement.

At a Spokane Chamber of Commerce luncheon also held Saturday, Judge said that Montana tourism is "up considerably" because of interest in the Expo fair and that land use planning is vital "if there's any hope of protecting a state like Montana."



MONTANA GOVERNOR Thomas L. Judge narrated an environmental story to a musical accompaniment by Missoula's grade school all-city band at Expo '74 Montana Day festivities. (Photo by State Advertising.)

Scholarship Fund Being Established To Honor Dana Woolston of Billings



DROWNED HERO—Dana Woolston, 19, Billings, Mont., drowned in a Rapid City, S.D., lake after rescuing a 12-year-old boy who had fallen from an inner tube.

The Dana M. Woolston Memorial Scholarship is being established in the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics at Montana State University, Bozeman as a perpetual memorial scholarship.

Dana M. Woolston, a MSU honor student, drowned July 16 while saving the life of a boy who slipped from an inner tube in Sheridan Lake near Rapid City, S.D.

Dana, 19, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Woolston. Bill Woolston is chief, field maintenance bureau, Billings. Dana had completed one year at MSU as a student in civil engineering. He had maintained academic honors throughout the year and was designated a Distinguished Performance Student by the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics.

ment of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. Having been an outstanding Billings High School graduate, he had earned membership in the National Honor Society and the National Merit Scholarship Foundation. He was also an accomplished musician and at the time of his death was participating in a two-state tour with the musical group, "New Found Joy."

Dana was swimming in the lake when he heard cries for help. A youngster was floundering in water 10 to 15 feet deep, panicked after apparently slipping off an inner tube.

Dana swam out to the boy and pulled him toward shore, finally pushing him to some women who had waded out as far as they could. Then Dana became entangled in heavy underwater vegetation. He went under without a call for help and never returned to the surface.

Scholarship awards from the Dana M. Woolston Memorial Scholarship Fund will be made annually with preference given to incoming freshmen students. The first award will be for the 1975-76 academic year.

Donations to the memorial scholarship fund may be sent to: Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

Billings Division Completes Mileage To Open Interstate and Primary Roads

C.W. Klimper, supervisor—division construction section, Billings, announced that more than 20 miles of Interstate and primary roads will be open to the traveling public by this fall. A four-mile section of Interstate 94 at Custer was open for travel this August. Robert Ewing, manager-field project unit 2, said a few items remain to be completed and should be finished before the end of September.

Ten miles of construction on the primary system have been completed

except for some minor cleanup which will be finished soon. Primary projects completed are: five miles of the Joliet-Boyd Road, under Walt Reichenberg; and five miles on the Busby-Lame Deer highway. Ray Schaak, manager-field project unit 2 is in charge of the Muddy Creek section.

Five miles of the Rockvale-Joliet project is expected to be completed by late this fall according to John Miner, manager-field project unit 2.

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Missoula

Clara Neely

This past summer seems to have been busier than usual for most of our people, and the hobbies are many and varied.

Mark Anderson, rodman, resigned in March, and is now the proud owner of the Tropical Aquarium in Missoula. Rods to fish! What a switch.

Instrumentman John Buchanan left last spring for the pipeline in Alaska. He is stationed at Prudhoe Bay, somewhere in the wilderness beyond Point Barrow.

Tom Martin purchased a new home, had a new son, Brad, and has been registered as a professional engineer, all in a couple of months.

Jay Duba recorded a hole-in-one on the par three, 17th hole, at the Missoula Country Club. The paper stated that he used a "five-iron to ace the 164-yard hole," whatever that means. Wife Donna has been gathering trophies at the tournaments.

Ray Hoffman has been collecting rose trophies right and left. He won third place for "White Masterpiece," the "Hubert Trophy" for the best three-of-a-kind, the "Mason Trophy" for the best blend, the "Diettert Trophy" for the best English rose box, and the "Hertler Memorial" for the best yellow rose, all at the Missoula Rose Show. At the Flathead Rose Show, he won trophies for the best red rose and for climbing roses. Details of what he won at the Missoula County Fair are not available at this time. (I would wager that the Hoffman family is glad it is all over for the season. Surely must be a good feeling to find the refrigerator stocked with food instead of roses.)

Jan Allen resigned on August 30 and plans to devote full time to her college career. When she left here that day she was headed for Ennis to do a bit of floating on the Madison River. The Ben Millers also spent a weekend floating on the Madison.

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The Gary Marins spent a week at Holland Lake, fishing, swimming, etc.

The Sam Rouilliers vacationed in Las Vegas. (Sam did not lose his shirt.)

Jan Bartlett will be married in October. Her new home will be in Denver.

Sympathy is extended to Bill Byrne in the loss of his father, and to Don Kennedy in the loss of his brother.

Mike Barrett, one of our temporary engineering aides, will be a junior at Harvard this year and has been enrolled at Harvard since graduating from Hellgate High School. Mike has just been awarded a Harvard College National Scholarship which is the highest honor conferred by Harvard College on undergraduates. The scholarship is one of a small number awarded to upperclassmen and can be continued throughout graduate study.

Lewistown

—Bea Knerr—

Some of our retiree "crew" served our community in a "Boy Scout" fashion this summer when they provided the manpower, instruments and knowledge to run a property line for the Scouts' property at Kendall, Mt., north of Lewistown. The crew included Milo Lahn, as chief; A.E. Harcharik, as instrumentman; and Oscar Mauland, rodman. A good time was had by all, especially when Mrs. Lahn and Mrs. Harcharik furnished picnic lunches each day of the project.

After five more inches of rain in August and at least three hailstorms since the last Centerline, there aren't many gardens left (or house roofs, either.) Many of us are busy re-roofing and repairing window-panes, house siding and the like. What gardens that were left were touched by "Jack Frost" on September 1. Can't win for losing.

The following engineering personnel received service awards: Thomas Biglen, 20 years; Chester C. Cleland, 25 years; and Alvin A.

Mills, 10 years.

These maintenancemen received service awards: Kenneth Muggenburger, 10 years; Elmer Grosser, 10 years; and Glen Winkler, 5 years.

Vacations are well on their way with these reports: Billie and Ed Furnish took a trip to Colorado for a Furnish family reunion, at Vicker's Dude Ranch. A great time was reported. Billie is office manager in the Lewistown division.

Large hunting trips are in the planning stage at this time—perhaps more news will be at hand then.

Great Falls

—Norma Lawrence—

In writing this column, I feel like a baby bird who has been pushed out of the nest and hasn't yet learned to fly. So there will be a frenzied flapping of wings, and hopefully, a takeoff.

Ciel Tinelli, your former reporter and radio room gal, has flown the nest for good. After 12 years of keeping the fellas amused and confused, she has retired. A coffee and cake party was held at the office, and she received many gifts and expressions of love from the people in attendance. A tear did glisten on her cheek however, when reading the poem a couple of men had written, which follows and says it all:

We heard her voice for many years,
On Radio 5-5-3,

As she called the boys for their
road reports,

Or with trivial reportee.

She told ole' Buzz to "Stand by,
please,

"I'll call you later on."

So he waited there—he swears he
did,

Till the snows had come and gone!

She leaves us now for the easy life,
And no longer will we greet her,

And as we say "Goodby," we all
agree—

It will be mighty hard to beat her!

Nancy Hahn has moved into Ciel's shoes (as well as the radio room,) and Ann Carlson has been employed in the outer office as clerk typist 2. Ann



Ciel

has three children. One son, Steve, plays football on the University team in Missoula.

Glenn Tonkin, review appraiser in R/W, finally beat the odds. Last June he contracted an arthritic condition which is so rare as to strike only one in 25,000 people. (And, this for a man who in 12 years has never once won a check pool.) Glenn was bedridden for a few weeks, but has recovered sufficiently to return to work on a part time basis, and to his aspiration to win the check pool.

Speaking of odds, an odd thing happened at the Augusta rodeo, which is a nice reflection on Milt Ingersoll, maintenance foreman. His brother, who looks like Milt (rugged, masculine, he-man type,) was approached by a representative of the Marlboro Company, who asked him to pose for Marlboro Country ads. It's a vicarious experience for Milt, but nice just the same. His brother spent 10 days in Denver being photographed—all expenses paid.

Boyd Wolverton, sectionman and member of the Cascade County Sheriff's Posse, (and whose father started the posse 24 years ago,) reported they took 2nd place in the competition at Lewistown recently, winning 600 of a possible 620 points. The function of the posse is search and rescue, and the competition among the seven possees consists of pistol shooting and horsemanship, including pole bending and barrel racing, but mainly more specialized races and contests which relate directly to their function.

Gene Hodges, in conducting his obedience classes for dogs, says he has many requests from people who

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wish to enroll their children, as well. Hmmm. He also told me of the "Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever," a Canadian registered breed that is enrolled in his class. The function of the dog is to cavort happily on river banks and shores; and the ducks, who are overcome by curiosity, fly in for closer inspection, only to meet their end—in duck soup.

Wishing to give equal time to horseplay, I checked on Don Cooper's activities, and he inferred that other than following his horses around closely with a shovel, there hasn't been much doing; but then he modestly confesses he had won two 3rd places with his quarter horses at a Saddle Club competition.

Mike Taylor, maintenanceman at Cascade, was rounding up some cows this summer during an electrical storm, when his horse was spooked and fell on him, breaking his leg in three places . . . Mike's leg, that is, not the horse's. On the lighter side, Clarence Christensen and James Trainor recently spent a Sunday on horseback, and at the end of a long weary day Clarence's horse, who is well known for enjoying a nice bath, impulsively flopped down in a large puddle of muddy water, rider and all, to bathe. Clarence wasn't hurt, but he did take a mud bath he really didn't need.

Gary Franklin, office engineer, and Ray Jacobson, traffic engineer, went on a backpack trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness this summer. As they donned their packs at Benchmark, bid farewell to their wives, and started across a bridge—they stopped cold in their tracks at the sight of another occupant of the bridge, a grizzly bear. The bear sat on his haunches to contemplate their presence, then rose on his hind feet to his full height, sniffed, and turning walked off into the wilderness. After the bear left the guys once more started off on their trek. They spend eight glorious days covering 70 miles of beautiful and remote country, and were challenged by nothing more than bunny rabbits.

Joe Rege and his wife, Betty, recently lost two nights of sleep

while driving to and returning from the Snake River, where they watched Evel Knievel nose dive his rocket into the river. Joe said it was an electrifying few moments, but of more interest was observing the people who had come, some even a week early, including members of the Haunchos and Barons, motorcycle clubs from the west coast. In observing their life style and activities, Joe found them to be so far out they were almost unmentionable, and definitely unprintable.

If you wonder why his co-workers are calling him "Doc," it's because Elmer Richards and his wife, Ann, have just returned from Salt Lake City, where Elmer spent two months learning to operate a kidney machine for Ann. Now that they are home, Ann must be on the machine three times a week, and each episode requires a total of seven hours. Elmer has also learned to take and record blood pressure readings and various other vital signs. Ann is feeling much better, and Elmer is much to be admired for what he is doing.

Well, who has more relatives than Office Manager Ed Mans? He vacationed in the Judith Mountains, attending a reunion with 78 other members of his family, and this, he said, was not their usual good turnout for these annual affairs.

Clyde Foster, senior clerk, distinguished himself at the golf tournament at Kalispell the end of July. He shot an actual 83 for 18 holes, and won second place on the Second Flight.

Our sympathies go out to Dan Black and Gary Franklin, in the deaths of their fathers this summer, and also to Charles Cook, whose mother-in-law passed away.

Erv Anderson, sectionman at Dutton, had a "chicken-plucking" weekend over Labor Day. Having raised 200 chickens to help feed his seven children, he spent the long weekend plucking and plopping them in the freezer.

Malcolm Marshall just popped in to report he went for a checkup and they found he was just full of "charisma." So much for modesty.

Havre

Edna Hess

Congratulations are extended to Hazen D. Flickinger, supervisor-division construction section, and Leonard L. Thackeray, lab technician 4, who recently received their 20 year pins, and John G. Monroe, bridge inspector, who received his 15 year pin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patera of Shelby are proud parents of a daughter born June 10 and named Jennifer Christi. Robert is an instrumentman with Jim Dolan's crew.

Madeline Hoven was hired as clerk 1 to replace Patricia Yetter who resigned May 31.



Pictured is Richard E. Winter, shop foreman for the Havre division, who retired after 30 years with the department. Dick is shown with Robert C. Bremner, supervisor of the Browning maintenance section, who was master of ceremonies at a highway department picnic and at which time Dick was presented with a plaque and a gift from the many employees throughout the division.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bender on September 20, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. He has been named William Ray. Les is a maintenanceman 1 working in the Havre shop.

Helena-Hdq.

Bev Gibson

Jack Benson, designer 3 in road design, was a passenger in a light airplane which crashed at the Meadow Creek landing strip near the

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Bob Marshall Wilderness July 23. Dr. Robert Whitesitt of Helena was the pilot. The men were on a fishing trip.

Dr. Whitesitt apparently overshot the runway. The single-engine plane touched down about midway on the strip and after an attempt to get back into the air, crashed into a grove of small trees at the north end of the runway. The left wing of the plane then struck a 60-foot tree and was ripped from the fuselage. The plane flipped over and landed upside down. Dr. Whitesitt suffered head injuries and broken ribs but was back at work in a few days.

Benson was treated for fractures of both legs and facial cuts. He is recovering satisfactorily, but is still at home.

Former East Helena City Councilman Lester Sodja, designer 3 in consultant design, was officially sworn in as mayor of East Helena in May. Sodja was named by his fellow council members to succeed Dave Foster who resigned. Sodja picked Ray Williams, designer 3 in road plans, as his replacement on the council. Les Sodja is a Butte native, attended grade school in East Helena and was graduated from Butte High School.



Donald
E.
Bray

Donald E. Bray, son of Leonard Bray, lab tech 3, is doing student teaching in Milnthorpe, England. Donald is 22 years old and a 1974 graduate of Montana State University in Bozeman with a B.A. in industrial arts. He will return to the U.S. in December.

Lewis M. Chittim, former state highway engineer, visited in Helena and at the highway department headquarters early in October. He was on stateside vacation from his consultant engineering job in Saigon, Vietnam.

Norm Brighton, personnel, was one of several employees who journeyed to Canada to visit with the acupuncturist. He reports his back is much better.

Many headquarters personnel made the trip to Spokane to visit Expo '74, and reported a great time. Most all especially liked the Montana exhibit.

Tourists coming through our tourist information desk in the lobby have also reported favorably on the Montana exhibit. They were impressed with the knowledge and friendliness of the staff of young people, who helped them plan Montana vacations. The staff include John Hanson, Winnett, director; Art Noonan, Butte, assistant; Tom Pelletier, Butte, assistant; Bobbi Wirth, Wolf Creek, assistant; Mark Morin, Butte; Shaun DeVine, Great Falls; Gloria Wong, Helena; Jane Shoquist,

Helena; Debbie Reber, Helena; and Vickie Fogel, Bozeman.

Our tourist hostess, Linda Grief, has returned to Missoula to continue at U of M after a lively tourist season. She reports the tourist who came the farthest was from Israel; many other foreign countries also visited Helena and most of the states were represented.

Jim Sykowski has been assigned to the mail and file room to assist the department with the paper recycling program. Large wastebaskets have been placed strategically around the building to receive recyclable paper and the volume is stupendous. Jim never has a dull moment.

Hans Mo, traffic recorder 2, retired from planning and research after serving the department for 21 years. A combination retirement and office picnic was held July 23. He is now a full-time miner, known as "strike it rich" Hans.



Hans Mo Retirement Party

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Kalispell

—Loren Dollan—

Summer is nearly over and most of the activities along with it.

In recapping a few of the events among personnel in the construction department we will begin by reporting that Project Manager Tom Barnard and four members of his crew won first place in the annual North Fork of the Flathead River race. They participated in the raft division. Pictured in the accompanying photo are, back row, left to right, Ken Chrisinger, Ray Munsinger and Jim Lauckner. Front row, left to right, Tom Barnard and Jim Ruegsegger. Jim Keithley is the owner of the prize-winning raft. I believe Ray Munsinger will agree that this was a calm, quiet float trip compared to some that he has taken with Tom.

Norman Nelson and myself rode Norman's horses into the Middle Fork country recently on a bull trout expedition. (Known as Dolly Varden in other areas.) The trip was a success. We don't like to brag but our tape was too short to measure the length so we measured between the eyes.

Our construction supervisor, Jim Keithley, has been kept plenty busy this summer devoting his time to construction projects in Kalispell, riding herd on the Corps of Engineers and Montana 37 at Libby, raising a huge garden and being called out on fires with the Smith Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

All of us in the division miss Willard Stockwell, who has been off work for a considerable length of time to take care of his wife, Gisela. She has been at home all summer on a kidney machine, but was recently flown to the hospital in Seattle. Our thoughts are with both of them in their time of stress. Gerry Roat's brother, Arthur, is seriously ill and is presently in the Veteran's Hospital in Salt Lake. We all wish him our best.

Our European travelers, Vic Baker and Al Fopp, returned and reported that they thoroughly enjoyed their vacations. Al stated that the cost of living was extremely high in Italy.

Vic and his wife, Madelaine visited Madelaine's relatives in France.

Our clerk typist, Cindy Dunne, has left our ranks to begin her teaching career in Florence, Mt. She was given a warm send-off with well wishes from everyone. We all welcome Carol Sweigle, who has taken Cindy's place in the office. Carol is from Whitefish. She is married to Roderick Sweigle and has two daughters, Jodi, 8 and Michelle, 5.

Three of our men from maintenance have reached the enviable position of retirement. They are James Foy from the Columbia Falls section, Roger Michels, sectionman at Jennings, and Ernest Johnson, sectionman at Crystal Creek. Roger and his wife are shown with a retirement cake, have eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Ernie's last day will be October 16. Happy retirement to you all.

Congratulations to Tom and Eileen Barnard on the arrival of a son, Jared Allen, born August 21, and to Jack and Jill Hunt on the arrival of a daughter, Heather Gay, born August 1. Tom is a project manager 2 in the division and Jack is a rodman on his crew. Also a



Roger & Blanche

daughter, Heide Ann to Van and Kathy Greenwell; Van is with the Polson maintenance crew. Heide Ann was born September 3, so just made the Centerline.

Weddings took place recently for Barbara Flint, daughter of Eugene Flint, who works in the Kalispell shop and for Christine Donahue, daughter of Edwina Donahue, clerk typist.

Gerry Roat, project manager 1, has been wearing some flashy new clothes since he went on his diet. Everyone has been congratulating him on his choice of colors except the

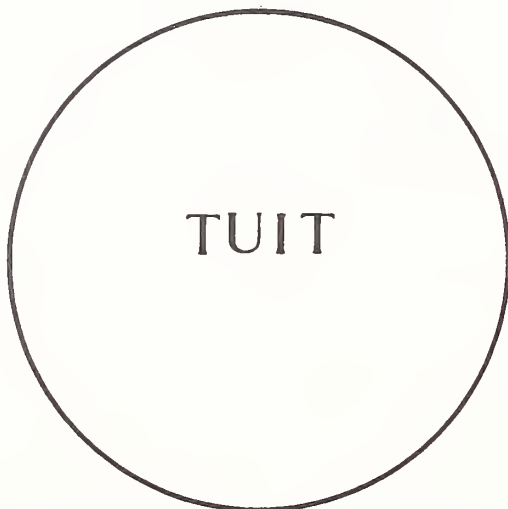


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girls in the front office. For some reason they don't think a plaid shirt, check pants and purple socks complement one another.

Roger Michels received this from a grandson, upon his retirement. Thanks for sharing with us, Roger:

Now You've Got One



This is an indispensable item for everyone. For years, people have been saying: "I'll do it as soon as I get a 'round tuit'." The above is a 'round tuit.' Cut it out. Keep it handy, and you will have no more trouble getting all those extras done, for you've finally gotten a 'round tuit'.

Bozeman

Pat Letendre

It was brought to our attention that our longevity honorees have not appeared for quite a spell, so-o-o in the 25-year department we have George L. Lemon, sectionman at the Upper Gallatin section site; 20-year honors go to Ronald T. Hoyem, manager, field project unit 1; 15-year pins were divided between construction and maintenance, with Allan Allsop, mechanic, and John Wisner, rodman, receiving them. Jimmy Walker received a 10-year pin and Ronda Planichuk and Pat Letendre received their 5-year pins.

Farewells have been flying around here since last spring. Dennis Williams, supervisor, division construction section, is now with the Northern Testing Lab in Great Falls; Dan Urbach, office engineer, is in Anchorage working on construction

aspects of Alaskan runways; Clive Talkington, instrumentman, is also working for the Northern Testing Lab; Earl K. (Kenny) Fike, maintenanceman 2, resigned to devote full time to his pole business at Big Timber; Irv Westin, dispatcher, left with the Motor Pool and is busy handing out vehicles at MSU. We miss all of you and good luck at your new jobs.

The division offspring are at it again. Rich and Norma Saltzman are grandparents for the ninth time. Miss Shawna Lee Saltzman was born to Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Saltzman, Jr. Bill Hoyem, son of Marge and Ron, received a trip to Germany following graduation last spring by having the second highest grade in the United States on a German test: 97. Congrats, Bill. Frances and LeRoy Switzler's son, Lowell, wed Jan Lovchik at Soldier's Chapel, Gallatin Canyon. Terry Jensen, son of Barb and Swede, won the Montana Team roping event for high school students and qualified for the national high school rodeo competition in Wisconsin. Terry and his family enjoyed the trip and the opportunity of competing with the "big-timers." This rodeo, with over 900 contestants, is the largest rodeo held in the nation.

Dick Holmes, late of the utilities section in Helena, is our new supervisor-division construction section. Welcome, Dick.

In the house news department we have: Erwin Dunbar finally found a home for his family five miles west of Bozeman, and Jimmy Walker, maintenanceman 2, and Randy Steffan, rodman, bought homes which are, coincidentally, right across the street from one another; Dick Holmes is still looking for a house; Ray Swanson, instrumentman, is busy, busy building a house. Now, that should cover all the angles. Then we have Richard Miller, chief-field maintenance bureau, who had to have a new shingle job on his roof due to gremlins. Must have been gremlins, because his car air conditioner and hot water heater in the house all blew up the same week!

The division was saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Jim Kirk, maintenanceman 2 at Living-

ston. Our sincere sympathy to Cathy and family.

We were really sorry to see John Wisner shave his full beard. He looked just like Abe Lincoln and always gave the area a bit of class as he wandered by, plus he evoked a patriotic ditty or two from one of the office vocalists. Dave Adams' beard just doesn't give the same impression. The beard itself is great, but that devilry in the eyes is just not Lincolnesque. Sorry, Dave.

Jack Ranta, rodman, received his first camera ever a couple of months ago, and tore through here snapping pics of everything in sight. He very diplomatically announced that since it was his first roll, the pics did not turn out well. We were thinking maybe it was the subject matter, Jack.

Don Durfey, engineering aide 2, and Joyce Barnes tied the knot on September 28 in West Union, Iowa. Congratulations.

E.P. Elgen's wife, Margaret, retired this year after 27 years of teaching primary grades. She loved teaching, but is finding this retirement bit isn't all that hard to take.

Mending well is Don Betcher, maintenanceman 2 at Livingston, who had knee surgery.

Jack Gorman is campaigning for the City Advisors Commission (I don't think that is precisely the term) in Ennis. According to the new Constitution, each city and county can elect these advisors—no pay—and they recommend only. Well, Jack isn't exactly campaigning, I guess. There are two names on the ballot and three people can be elected. Shoo-in!

Sid McCarty and family visited Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, etc. Great time. Wilma Bogar and family, Willie and Maxine Foss, and Ronda Planichuk (via Amtrak again if you can believe it) visited Expo. Many homes were painted and many fish were caught, and that is the vacation story from here.

There was a shifting of personnel following the departure of Motor Pool. Guy Hembree, maintenanceman 3, left the shop and is now on Jim Brooks' crew out of Bozeman.

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Les Engen, mechanic and jack-of-all-trades, is our division trouble shooter and fixer-upper. (Don't try to find that classification in the new manual. If you can't find office manager and division office engineer, you'll never find Les.) Also, transferring from Big Timber was Rich Saltzman's crew to assume the surfacing job on the Interstate around Bozeman.

Butte

Karen Briney

John Mortensen, right of way agent, is the proud possessor of the Western Montana Highway Department Golf Championship Trophy . . . with his score of 154 at the Kalispell tournament in July.

On August 24-25 at the Eastern Highway Department Tournament at Lewistown, John again posted the low score of 180 to win and complete a grand slam. John modestly states Nicholas and Trevino are in no danger, as he is not considering turning "pro."

Winnie Schabarker, genial clerk typist in the Butte right of way division, was the proud recipient of her 10-year pin. Congratulations, Winnie.

Tom Kelly, right of way agent, sent his son on his way to St. Paul's prep school in New Hampshire. He won a four year scholarship and his family and friends are very proud of him. We all wish him well.

In the recent Evel Knievel Labor Day Golf Classic held in Butte, Jon McBride, son of Bill McBride, maintenanceman 5, landed a job caddying for Mr. Joe Louis, former world heavyweight boxing champion. Jon, 11, still hasn't come down from Coud 9. In his flight were Joe, Evel Knievel, Bobby Riggs, and our own Ed Zemljak.

In the sports limelight, Bob Hunter's Maintenance Menders battled back from a 12-2 first quarter deficit and 20-16 at halftime to storm ahead like a snow plow in a blizzard and defeat Captain Mel Mooney's Midnight Roadrunners 68-42. Congratulations for a fine victory. We all knew you could do it.

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family of John Sprunger, on the death of his father, Merrell Sprunger.

Bill Madalena, lab technician 2, has resigned his position to take employment with the Anaconda Company. Bill started with the department on December 12, 1961 as an engineering aide 2. We wish Bill and his family the best of luck.

Wishing the best of everything to the new bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craig. Mrs. Craig is the former Lorraine Symons, clerk typist in our right of way division.

The Montana Association of Highway Employees had their annual picnic on July 20 at the Basin Creek reservoir. George Buckman and family started out on Friday, camping overnight, to cook three turkeys, two hams and two roast beefs. Everyone enjoyed the food and drink, along with the numerous prizes given out. Ken Fisher won the male chug-a-lug contest and Sandra Stifel won the female chug-a-lug. Ken attributes the win to his wife's amazing talent. And she says she even hates beer. Besides the three drinking contest there were egg tosses, races, and ball in a basket contest. The horseshoe, badminton, volleyball and baseball players were busy having fun also. Most of all, each and every kid seemed to wear a continuous smile all day, which makes all the work put out by the people who organize these picnics more than worthwhile. Next year we hope to see more people and have lots more fun.

September 3 marked the last day of work for Howard Hadzor. Howard has been with the department since April 18, 1946. He started out as a



Hadzor

truck driver under 5 tons, and rapidly moved up the line to a maintenance supervisor 1. One thing Howard is looking forward to is the winter time and no more plowing or sanding Boulder Hill. Good luck and best wishes from all on your retirement.

Ted Selon is the proud owner of a new, green Ford Ranger. We all know that it will be put to good use, since Ted is such an avid outdoorsman. Bag the big one, Ted!

We're sorry to see George Roat and Ted Deschamps go back home to the Missoula division. We know that they are happy to go, but they'll be missed by all in the Butte division. Good luck to you both.

The Butte State Employees Federal Credit Union recently received another "Thrift Honor Award." This award is given to only 12 percent of the more than 13,000 federally insured credit unions, and a credit union must have exhibited better than normal savings habits among its membership. Our credit union members saved 37.56 percent more during the last year compared to the previous year, when we also won this award. This growing organization now has 418 active members and has assets in excess of \$150,000. An example of its progressive nature is the fact that it now offers excellent auto insurance at lower costs to its members, temporary disability protection insurance on members' loans, and a "Golden Thrift Certificate." Bob Fischer is president and John Colvin is treasurer-manager.

Wolf Point

Agnes Heser

Our annual state employees picnic was held on August 18. Had a very good turnout and everybody enjoyed all the food and games lined up for both young and old.

Robert Carter, Glasgow, was employed with the department in June as a maintenanceman 2 on Larry's crew. We would like to welcome him to the gang.

Several employees from the Wolf Point area went to see Expo '74. They were Ben Harada and family, Harold Juell and family, and Betty

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Stone. All reported having had a good time and enjoyed it very much.

Service pins have been awarded to Larry Rhoads, 20 years; John Fowler, 10 years; Douglas Sonsteng and Gary Flaten for five years.



James Baldwin (second from left) and Wilbert Schledewitz (second from right) are pictured in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Roosevelt Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home at Culbertson. Jim has been chairman of the hospital board for the past two years and "Schledy" is the Mayor. Completion of the project is expected by June 1, 1975.

Orville Ingebretson, maintenance-man 1 in Wolf Point, resigned from the department on July 5. He has entered private business for himself. A coffee party was held in his honor. Everyone wishes him lots of luck.



Ingebretson

The highway employees wish to extend their sympathy to Darrell Linner and family, and to Dennis Olson and family, in the death of Sharon, their wife and sister. Sympathy is also extended to Lars Mork family in the death of his brother-in-law, Elbert Williams.

Harold Juell really threw us gals in the office for a loop. Came in one day and said he had to add two more dependents to his insurance plan. Asked him when this happened and he said the night before. He and his wife have permanent custody of two girls, Sherri, age 4, and Jeannie Biery, age 3. They join five other Juell children.

Larry Sain, Stacey Eckert and Donald Hartwell, all from Havre, have transferred to Wolf Point. They are employed on George's crew working on the Opheim-East project. Leonard Thackery, also from Havre, is on a temporary assignment working with the lab crew. Samuel Hatty, Albert Ullrich, Gerald Stabio, and Gordon Treftz, all of Havre, are on permanent assignment for construction staking on the Loring-South project. We would like to welcome all these new employees to the gang.

Betty Stone spent a few days in the hospital the end of July. She is back to work and feeling much better. John Colgan and Francis Delaney have also been in the hospital and reported to be doing fine.

Joe Christensen, maintenance supervisor in Plentywood, suffered a heart attack this week and is in the Plentywood hospital. Reports are he is doing better. We all hope he gets well and back to work soon.

Miles City

— Jean Sweeney —

James Kaze, son of Phyllis and Ralph Kaze, Miles City division shop foreman, is now associated with the Havre firm of Weber, Bosch, Kuhr, Dugdale, Warner and Martin in the practice of law. James is a graduate of the School of Law of the University of Montana and also has a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Montana State University. While in law school, Jim was the recipient of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Award, two Charles J. Sousman Awards and was associate editor of the Montana Law Review. Jim and wife, Linda are the parents of a daughter.

A son was born to Paul and Judy

Braut July 2 in a Miles City hospital. He has been named John William after his paternal and maternal great-grandfathers and is the first grandchild in the Art Braut family. Art is division materials supervisor. Art's wife, Bev (former Beverly Murfitt of Helena) is waiting anxiously for the birth of a new grandchild. Bev's daughter, Dianne McKittrick and her husband are visiting at the Braut home in Miles City and at this writing, the baby should have been here awhile back.

Jean Sweeney, clerk, and her husband, Howard returned from a trip recently that took them to the Elk's National Convention at Miami Beach, Florida and from there to Los Angeles, California where they visited their daughters, Joan Sweeney and Mrs. Kathy Marcher. Enroute, they also visited briefly with Jean's brother, James Lund and family in Minneapolis and another brother, Don Lund and family in Denver. On the return trip, they took in the Montana Elk's Convention held in Billings. Howard Sweeney is Exalted Ruler of the Miles City Elk's Lodge.

Suzanne Mentikov, who recently went to work as an engineering aide 1 on Bob Swanson's crew, is a first for Miles City construction. That is, the first girl to be employed on a construction crew in this division. Since Suzanne went to work, the Miles City division has hired another girl, Denise Quaring, as an engineering aide 1 and assigned to Del Borer's crew with headquarters at Broadus. Both girls are doing real fine in their work—watch out, fellows!

Brent Steinert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Steinert, was married recently to Marilyn Joyce Backman of Bozeman. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Reverend Backman. The couple is residing in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. Irvin is working shop foreman in the Miles City division shop.

Pat and Cheryl Rogers are the parents of a boy born July 20 in a Miles City hospital. He joins a little brother, Todd and has been named Toby. Pat, who is engineering aide 2,

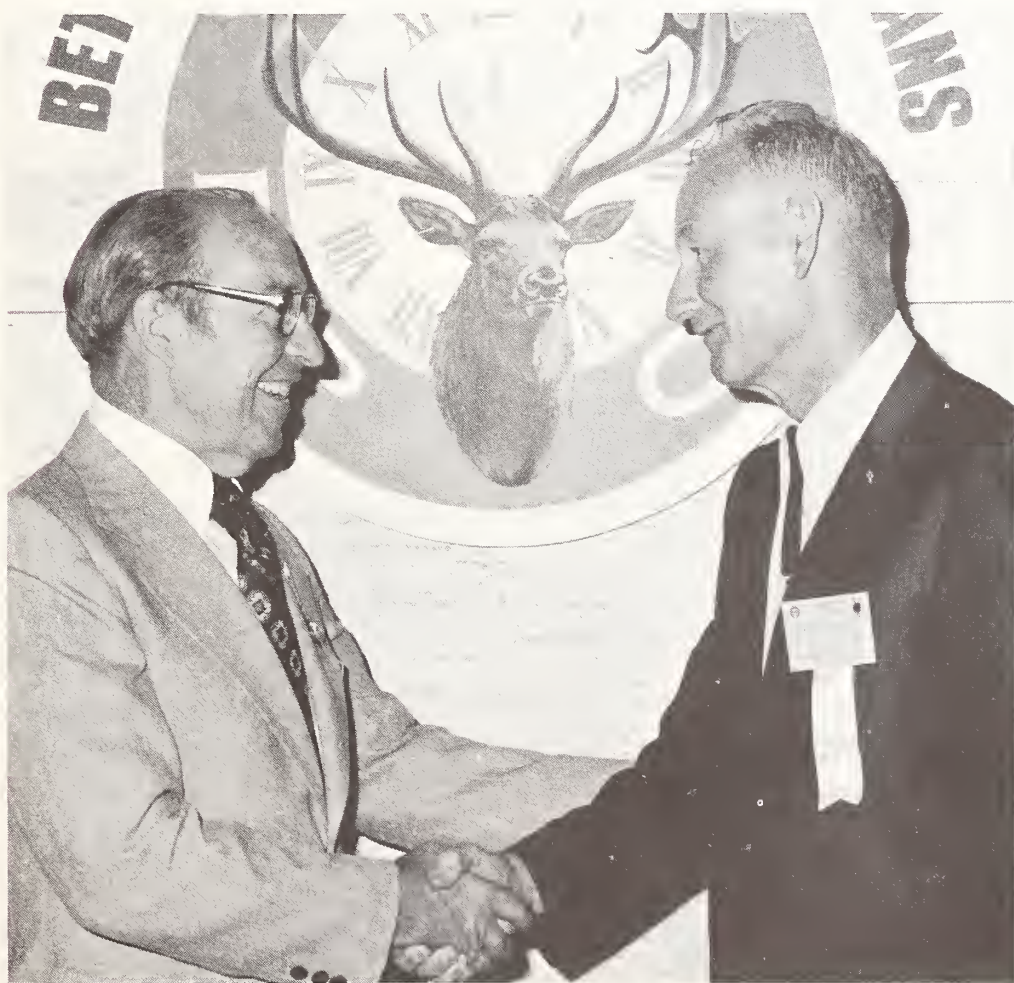
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has resigned his position with the Department of Highways and will be working for the city of Miles City as an assistant to the city engineer.

A bunch of enthusiastic little boys became champions of the Minor League Baseball Tournament in Miles City held recently at the Jaycee field. Among the happy-faced champions was Jerome Dyba, Jr., son of Sheraldine and Jerome Dyba, instrumentman and office man for Bob Swanson's crew in the Miles City division office. Congratulations to the little guys.

Sympathy is extended to the Kenny Rapp family in the loss of Joanne's mother, Mrs. Helen McCarthy, who passed away Sept. 9 following a long illness, in a Butte hospital.

Maintenance Foreman, Miles City



Lamb Receives Elks recognition

Robert Ray Lamb, is being congratulated by Gerald Strohm, the newly-elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the BPOE during the national convention at Miami Beach, Fla., recently, Lamb had just been appointed District Deputy GER for the Montana District by Strohm.

Glendive

Nancy Siegle

Nancy Siegle, clerk 4, and husband Dale are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 3 oz. baby girl born on August 8. Andrea Jo is the first of their family. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tennant are also the proud parents of a 10 lb. 1 oz. baby boy born September 7. Christopher is also their first. Congratulations to the Tennants.

Kathy Himes of Glendive is the new gal in the Glendive office. She is clerk typist and works half days. She will be with us till Nancy Siegle returns in November.

Tony Scherting, retired office manager, has been doctoring in



Nancy and Andrea

Livingston for the past three weeks. He will return in September and undergo surgery. We wish him luck and a speedy recovery.

Also on our sick list is Wayne Monte. He was sick and in the hospital for a few days but is now back at work. Also, Kenny Cress' wife, Grace recently returned from Billings where she underwent back surgery. We wish you both speedy recoveries.

Several employees have spent their vacations at the World's Fair this year. Each one seems to have a different opinion on what to see and do while there. Most agree it is well worth the time and expense.

Nancy Ulrich, clerk 2, and husband Dave invested some of their hard-earned money in a house. They have sold their trailer and planned on moving September 14.

Ken Baisch, rodman, recently purchased a boat with an inboard, outboard power unit. Ken should soon have some fishing stories to tell.

The four-lane Interstate from North Dakota line to the Dawson County line was opened to traffic August 21. Dennis Tenney, manager-field project unit, and crew have moved out of the Wibaux office and are now back in Glendive.

Ray Evinrude, mechanic, reports his brother Elwin from Wisconsin had a little trouble on his vacation this summer. While traveling through the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park in North Dakota, he came upon approxi-

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mately 300 buffalo crossing the road. While parked waiting for the herd to cross, two bulls began fighting on the hillside above him. One bull caught the other broadside and pushed him down the hill. The bull struck the right side of the car, causing \$1,000 damage without scratching the paint. Good luck, Elwin, explaining this to your insurance company.

Darwin Diede, maintenanceman, dropped a propane bottle on his finger and smashed the end of it. The doctors says it may have to be removed.

Billings

James Young

Arnie Weiss, instrumentman, was slightly injured on the job when struck by a ladder on a moving car. Arnie's back and shoulder were bruised when he was struck by an overhanging ladder on a pickup truck. Arnie missed very little work and was back on the job in a short time.

Dan White, division materials supervisor, received a broken collar bone and required several stitches in his forehead after an accident with his 10-speed bike. He was returning from home after work and attempted to avoid an accident with a young bike rider a few blocks from his home, but the young rider never even slowed down. The front wheel of Dan's bike was damaged.

Joe White, son of Dan P. White, received a well-deserved writeup in the "Grit" family section last June. Bill Link, a student reporter from Eastern Montana College submitted the story and photographs of Joe and his telescope to "Grit." Joe purchased his own telescope and with the help of his family, built an observatory in his backyard over two and a half years ago. He hopes to become a professional specializing in cosmology—the study of the origin of the universe. I had the pleasure of meeting Joe about one year ago and got to inspect his two telescopes and viewed the planet Saturn through one of them. Joe is a fine young man and can go to the top in whatever field he chooses.

Jay Peterson, son of Harvey Peterson, division lab, has left the United States to complete his seminary training in Italy. Jay will enroll in the North American College near St. Peter's Square in Rome. Upon completion, Jay will be ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church.



Gransberg

Douglas D. Gransberg, son of C.O. Gransberg, manager field project unit 2, will be sent to Nuremberg, Germany in October of this year. Doug is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army Engineers. He graduated from Oregon State University last June with a B.S. in civil engineering and placed in the upper five percent of all graduating regular Army officers in the U.S. He will receive a fellowship for work on his masters degree after his tour of duty. Doug plans to be married in September. The future Mrs. Gransberg is Ms. Gwen Rose from Corvallis, Oregon, and is a college student at OSU.

Steve Ewing, son of Robert Ewing, manager-field project unit 2, was married to Ms. Wendy Laundry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melburn Laundry of Billings on July 15. Steve has enlisted in the U.S. Army. They expect to make their home in Ft. Lewis, Washington after he finishes his recruit training.

Jim Binkerd, right of way, and six other local Billings musicians have recorded a 33 rpm record of Dixieland music. It's a wonderful sound and a great record. Everyone should buy one. Jim attended a musicians

meeting in Los Angeles, California last June. Jim makes beautiful music with whatever he plays.

John Wichman, right of way, will work with the government and resigned last June.

Ron Kinsey and John Leichner, both instrumentmen with 10 years service, have resigned to accept positions with higher pay.

Gerald Apps, engineering aide 2, will work for A.B.C. Prestress.

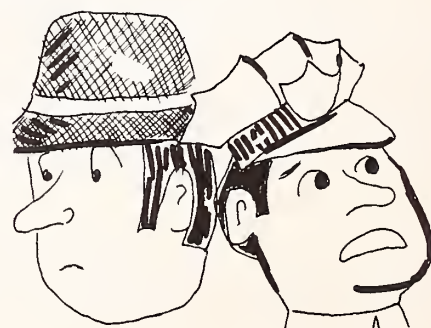
From the maintenance section, Tom Horning and Dean Barnes have both resigned to accept a better promotion outside.

Frank Foltz from Red Lodge was transferred to Bridger and will take over the position held by Erwin Dunbar, supervisor, maintenance section, who was promoted to maintenance foreman at Bozeman.

Gym Rawlins, steno in right of way, has retired after 10 years of service. She will work with her husband, Joe, a geologist in Billings. Joe is recovering from back surgery and Gym said he really needed help at this most busy time. Good luck with your new 10-hour day, 6 days a week position, Gym!

We wish to extend sincere words of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kuneff and family on the loss of their daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. William Woolston and family on the loss of their son, and Mrs. Woolston's mother.

Dave Keehn reports the stock car racing group voted to donate all prize money to help the wife of Floyd Lennick, who has been hospitalized since February of this year. Dave is driving a completely rebuilt 1967 Chevelle and has taken third and fourth place trophies already this season.



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~ Billings Dixieland ~



TAIL GATE SEVEN—Left to right, Len Droste, drums; Doc Cromwell, seated; Bob Sutherland, standing; Doc McBride, trombone; Jack Turner, trumpet; Lee Drake; and Jim Binkerd, clarinet. The Billings Dixieland group has recorded a record which is now on the market.

Sixteen Ways to Dodge Decisions

1. Take flight into detail
2. Take flight into illness
3. Take flight into the bottle
4. Deny that any problems exist
5. Give your answer in doubletalk
6. Counsel infinite delay of action
7. Arrange to be called out of town
8. Look for the answer in "the book"
9. Delegate the problem to a committee
10. Delegate the problem to a subordinate
11. Have a "study" made to get all the facts
12. State the problem belongs in someone else's province
13. Call in an expert to "make sure we're on solid ground"
14. Induce the boss to commit him-

Mr. Leonard Mahlum
Core Drill Section
Montana State Highway
Department

Dear Mr. Mahlum:

I want to thank you for your kind assistance to our family as we travelled across Montana several weeks ago. Without your help I am sure our trip would have been delayed for longer than it was and we probably would have been

self to handle the problem

15. Indicate that all problems must be considered in serial order
16. When all else fails, simply put on your hat and head for home

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forced to spend the night
parked along the road.

We did succeed in getting the two tires repaired and one of them back on the car. We drove on to Choteau that evening and camped in the KOA. I hope you found your way to a comfortable motel room in spite of the delay which we caused and I hope also that you were able to meet your schedule the following day.

Once again we are grateful that you stopped and hope to see you again some time to personally thank you under less trying, more convenient circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Thomas R. Heitz
Vancouver, B.C.

Garden Club Chooses Highway Theme For Annual Event

The Columbus Garden Club held their 17th annual Flower Show August 20 with the theme "Highways to Beauty." The resultant show was a huge success and we thought you would like to know the names of the winning arrangements:

- "Slippery When Wet"—Opal Holliday
- "Load Limit"—Opal Holliday
- "Divided Highway"—Opal Holliday
- "State Park"—Emma Nordahl
- "Shrine"—Norma Adams
- "Deer Crossing"—Rosa Mae Fausset
- "Falling Rocks"—Delight Bruce
- "Soft Shoulders"—Rosa Mae Fausset
- "One Lane Bridge"—Opal Holliday
- "Fine For Littering"—Bonnie Campbell

Old Railroad Cars Help Guide Tourists

Old trains in Montana neither die nor fade away, but continue to serve an "active retirement" by greeting visitors into the Big Sky Country.

Seven cars of the 1964 Montana Centennial Train have found permanent locations as port-of-entry visitor information centers in the communities of Superior, Hungry Horse, Glasgow, Wibaux, Hardin, Gardiner and West Yellowstone.

In 1964, the train made its way across the United States in a month-

Mrs. Norma Adams, secretary of the Garden Club, won the sweepstakes ribbon. She made arrangements with the Department of Highways Information Unit to borrow large photographs of scenic highways to decorate the hall. The highway department also furnished "Pitch-In" litter bags as giveaways.

long tour promoting Montana all the way to the New York World's Fair. It was a very popular attraction for the millions of fair-goers, many of whom got their first look at Indian artifacts, memorabilia, paintings, and gold and sapphire displays from the Treasure State.

For several years after the fair, the trains sat in a vacant railroad yard near Laurel, gathering dust. It was there that the Montana Travel Hosts, the tourism division of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, took the cars out of retirement and put them back into public service as visitor information centers.

The colorfully decorated trains provide easy access to the motorist making his way through the vast Treasure State.

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IN THE FLATHEAD !!